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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, delete the whole paragraph starting in line 18 and replace it with the following new paragraph:

--Furthermore, Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication ~~8-173765~~ 8-173795 discloses a manganese oxide (surface area: 84 to 185 M²/g) obtained that manganese carbonate is thermally decomposed and then treated with a nitric acid, and a manganese oxide (surface area: 204 M²/g) obtained that potassium permanganate aqueous solution and a manganese nitrate aqueous solution are mixed and reacted, work as an adsorbent to remove the offensive odor of sulfur compounds.--